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Punta Gorda Directory.

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Council meets in regular session on the first Tuesday of each month.

Arrival and Departure of Mails.

Northern Mail—Arrives 1:30 a. m. 8:15 a. m. daily; departs 4:00 p. m. and 7:05 a. m. daily.
South Bound—Leaves Punta Gorda by boat for St. James, Sanibel, Punta Rassa and Myers at 7 a. m. daily except Sunday; returning arrives at 2 p. m.
Grove City and Englewood—Departs daily by boat at 7 a. m.; arrives at 2 p. m.
Charlotte Harbor and Harbor View—Departs daily by boat at 7 a. m.; arrives at 2:15 p. m.

JOSEPH MIBEL, Postmaster

Churches and Societies.

Episcopal Church, Rev. T. J. Purdie, rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Sundays at the Punta Gorda church; Sunday school every Sunday 10 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening of each week. Epworth League meets every Sunday 3:30 p. m. Charlotte Harbor Methodist church—Services at 7 p. m. on second and fourth Sundays and at 7 p. m. on Saturday previous.

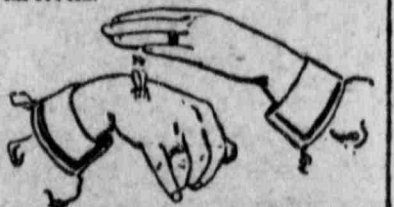
Punta Gorda Baptist Church—Rev. J. E. McIntosh, pastor. Services every Sunday at 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 3:00 p. m. every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night.
Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath school 10 a. m. preaching 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. Bible study Wednesday 7 p. m. C. B. Stephenson, leader.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Meets every Tuesday evening in the Presbyterian church at 7:30.
Masonic—Punta Gorda Lodge No. 116, F. & A. M. Meets on Friday before second Saturday of each month in Masonic hall. J. M. Samuel, W. M. R. L. Earnest, Sec.
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Punta Gorda B. and B.—Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday night of each week. M. V. Williams Secretary.

MALARIA AND YELLOW JACK

(From N. Y. Herald, January 16, 1902.)
"The widow of Dr. Lazear, who, in the employ of the Government, went to Cuba, was inoculated with Yellow Fever through mosquito bites, and died, applied to Congress for relief to-day."
The above tells of the sad culmination of a series of experiments by the Government, all of which proved conclusively that the familiar mosquito is a dangerous vehicle for carrying malaria, "Yellow Jack," and other malarial fevers.



Those who are exposed to mosquitoes or other malarial influences should take warning. Iron is the fighting element in the blood and provides nature with sufficient resistance to ward off disease. But if the blood is impure or impoverished, or if there is weakness, it means that the fighting qualities of the blood have been lowered, and consequently there is danger. If you would escape, keep the blood pure and properly nourished with

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MR. SPARKMAN'S APPOINTMENTS

For the Democratic Canvass of the First Congressional District.

The Hon. S. M. Sparkman, Democratic nominee for Congress in the First Congressional District of Florida, together with other distinguished speakers, will address the people of this district at the following

TIMES AND PLACES.

Sumterville, Tue., Sep. 23, 11 a. m.
Perry, Friday, September 26, 11 a. m.
Mayo, Saturday, September 27, 11 a. m.
Old Town, Monday, Sep. 29, 11 a. m.
Inverness, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 11 a. m.
Brooksville, Monday, Oct. 6, 11 a. m.
Dade City, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 11 a. m.
Leesburg, Wednesday, Oct. 8, 11 a. m.
Easton, Thursday, Oct. 9, 11 a. m.
Clermont, Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a. m.
St. Petersburg, Monday, Oct. 13, 11 a. m.
Bartow, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 11 a. m.
Arcadia, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 11 a. m.
Perry, Friday, Oct. 17, 11 a. m.
Punta Gorda, Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 a. m.
Key West, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 11 a. m.
Plant City, Saturday, Oct. 25, 11 a. m.

Other appointments will be made by the committee.

Perry G. Wall, W. B. Henderson, Secretary, Chairman.

A HIGH COMPLIMENT.

Capt. John B. Johnston, the able editor of the Dade City Democrat, once speaker of the Florida house of representatives and now being advocated by many friends for the speakership of the next house, indulges in the following merited compliment in his paper of Sep. 5th:

"Gen. A. W. Gilchrist of DeSoto county passed through Dade City, yesterday, on route home. He is the democratic nominee for the legislature in his county and of course his election is assured. Gen. Gilchrist has represented DeSoto county in the legislature twice, and no man ever made a better record. He has talent and parliamentary ability of the highest order; he is tireless in the performance of duty, scrupulously honest, both personally and politically, standing upon the highest plane socially, and he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him. He is a candidate for the speakership and our personal knowledge of him and official association with him, warrant us in asserting that he is pre-eminently worthy of the honor; and should he be chosen to preside over the deliberations of the next house, he will administer the duties of the place as to honor himself and honor the position as will conserve the welfare of the people of the State. Of all the aspirants there in not one more worthy or more capable than the gentleman from DeSoto."

TO WASHINGTON AND RETURN \$81.60 TO NEW YORK AND RETURN \$31.60

The extremely low rates named above have been announced by the Atlantic Coast Line from Punta Gorda on account National Encampment G. A. R., Washington, Oct. 6 to 11. Tickets to be sold Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6th, return limit not later than Oct. 12th, at noon, extension to return until Nov. 3rd may be obtained. These tickets entitle holder one stop over going as well as returning and offers a splendid opportunity for parties going East to visit friends or attend to business at any point enroute.

Very low rates have also been fixed to battlefields and other historic points from Washington and Baltimore, good going and returning same way or via circuitous routes.

The Coast Line is the "Official Route" of the Florida Department. G. A. R., and they have arranged for the "Headquarters Car" to leave Tampa night of Oct. 4th with Department Commander and staff.

In order to accommodate parties who do not care to take sleeper, it has been arranged to operate elegant vestibuled, high back seat coaches, through Tampa to Washington on this train, in addition to Pullman's finest sleepers, and everything will be done to add to comfort of passengers.

Those desiring sleeper reservations should make same known at once, as do-abilities there will be quite a rush. See agent or write S. P. COLLIER, Jr., D. P. Agent, Tampa, Fla.

FISHERMEN ARRESTED.

The following are the names of the fishermen arrested last week by the sheriff of Lee county on charges of violating the fishing laws by using haul nets and seines over 350 yards long and nets with meshes not over 1 1/2 inches square:

Jack Hamilton, Kit Sinclair, Tony Mills, Fred Johnson, Walter Middleton, Oscar Gee, Jesse Byrd, R. Law, J. McDuffey, Wm. Bly and Paddy Mahon.

They were tried by jury, before Justice Phil Isaacs, found guilty and fined \$100 each. They appealed to the circuit court and are out on bond. The men belong to the John Savarese fleet.

A Badly Needed Law.

Ocala Banner: Sheriff Nugent says if there is one law more than another that should have the attention of the next legislature it is one making it a crime to conceal a criminal or assist one in eluding officers of the law.

He says that such a law would aid in bringing to justice many desperate characters who now roam at large.

It seems that at present there is no law against assisting any one charged with a misdemeanor.

PRODDING THE JUDGES.

The St. Petersburg Sun thus coincides in a view recently expressed in these columns:

"The PUNTA GORDA HERALD pertinently suggests that the Florida supreme court justices get off their 'grand, gloomy and peculiar dignity' long enough to explain to the public why it is they cannot keep up with their work. This suggestion might well be adopted by the judges of Florida's highest judicial tribunal in order that the people may be apprized of the need of the additional justices who are so clamorously demanded around Tallahassee.

The proposed amendments to the constitution to be voted for at the November election adding new justices to the supreme court bench will be defeated unless the present judges make a more clear showing of the need of more help. That the supreme court is way behind in its work everybody knows, but the people are inclined to the belief that if the present judges would devote a little more of their time to their duties, the docket might be put into good shape without the aid of additional justices."

NOTICE OF SERVICES.

Services at the Episcopal church next Sunday, Sept. 21st:
9:00 a. m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 "—Morning prayer and sermon.

4:30 p. m.—Sunday school, Bible class. Mr. Purdie, teacher. Ladies and gentlemen invited.
7:30 p. m.—Shorter evening prayer and fourth sermon of the series. Subject: The Episcopal Church, Catholic or Protestant.

Rev. T. J. Purdie.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY RALLY.

On Sunday night, 28th inst., there will be a highly interesting missionary rally in the Baptist church, to which the public generally is cordially invited. The exercises will consist of songs and recitations interspersed with short, edifying addresses on missions.

The entire program promises a rare treat and every body should attend. The ringing of the bell will give due notice and invitation to all. Remember the date, Sep. 28th.

DON'T GET MORBID.

It is not a Difficult Matter to Think Yourself to Death.

Thousands of people actually think themselves to death every year by neglecting their minds to dwell on morbid thoughts.

As a rule, the thought that kills relates to something the individual dreads more than anything else in the world. There is the germ of fatal thought in ninety-nine persons in every hundred, and the exception is only proof against the thought disease by having been inoculated with the lymph of optimism or philosophy.

The idea that one has some incipient disease in one's system, the thought of financial ruin, that one is getting on in life without improving prospects—any of them or a thousand similar thoughts may carry a healthy man to a premature grave.

A melancholy thought that takes itself upon one's mind needs as much "doctoring" as physical disease. It needs to be eradicated from the mind or it will have just the same result as a neglected disease would have. The thought disease sometimes cures itself after running its course; so does smallpox. But who would settle down to suffer from smallpox and chance recovery, as thousands of foolish persons settle down to let the thought disease, which has attacked them, do its worst?

Every melancholy thought, every morbid notion and every nagging worry should be resisted to the utmost, and the patient should be physicked by cheerful thoughts, of which there is no shortage in every one's possession, bright companions—cheaper than drugs and pleasant.

There have occurred scores of dozens of cases where healthy persons have thought themselves into having tumors and cancers—cases which admit of no doubt whatever that the diseases resulted from constant morbid fear. There might possibly be fewer cases of cancer if some great doctors could assure the world that it is not a hereditary disease, but morbid minded persons on hearing that there is cancer in their families generally do the very worst thing they can do under the circumstances—they conceive an awful dread that they will be afflicted with it. They dwell upon the fear constantly, and every trifling ailment which troubles them in at first mistaken for the preliminary symptoms of cancer.

The morbid condition of mind produces a morbid condition of body, and if the disease does happen to be in the system it receives every encouragement to develop.

Why Savages Turn In Their Toes.

In the first place, the foot naturally takes that position when it has never been confined by boots or the ankle distorted by high heels. Convenience is also on the side of the natural position of the foot in the case of the savage, for he has to do much walking through long grass and undergrowth in forests. Consequently his progress would be much impeded if he turned his toes out to catch these obstacles instead of brushing them aside and outward, as he now does. Lastly, the savage uses his foot much more as a help to his hands than we do, and it is obvious that in doing this he must turn his toes in.

European Arithmetic.

At the custom house we were obliged to make a deposit of 8 francs 40 centimes on each wheel before entering Switzerland. Since that day faith in the advantages of higher education has wavered. There were nine bicycles, and the government official found the entire amount of our indebtedness by putting down 8.40 nine times and then adding up. Why should one vex one's self with the multiplication table when straight addition combined with unlimited time reaches the same result?

—Caroline S. Bennett in Chautauquan.

ALIASES OF THE PEANUT.

There Are Many Names For the Toothsome Palate Ticker.

Considering its universal popularity and excellent standing in agricultural circles, it is remarkable how many aliases there are under which the peanut travels. Whenever it is introduced to a new community the toothsome offering of the soil adopts a new name and comes forth with an additional sobriquet which makes it almost unrecognizable to its old acquaintances. If the "edible fruit"—as the dictionaries call it—had ever done anything to be ashamed of, the public might understand, but as things are the eccentricities of peanut nomenclature are absolutely astonishing.

Here in Virginia we designate our little friend principally as the peanut, but quite often we likewise allude to him as a "ground nut" and occasionally as a "gooner." Over in England they call the same fruit ground nut, while in the various known elsewhere as "earth nut," "Manila nut," "juncut" and "pindar." The scientific patronymic, as we understand it, is *Arachis hypogaea*, and the family belongs to the genus of leguminous plants.

But, be its name what it may, a peanut is a peanut the world over, so far as its virtues go, and few are the human palates which decline to receive an introduction to it.—Richmond Dispatch.

A Different Sort of Leather.

A Pennsylvania physician tells a story about his servant which reminds one in a vague way of the "skinny side out and the woolly side in" rhyme. He had just hired a servant who, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, had some of the "old dirt" still clinging to her boots.

One morning he noticed his office windows were rather dirty, and, calling Bridget, he instructed her to clean them before he returned. At the same time he told her that he would stop and purchase a new chamois skin and send it home, and with this she was to clean the windows.

After he had gone his rounds he returned to his office. Glancing at the windows, he found them thickly streaked with grease. He called Bridget, and the following colloquy took place:

"Bridget, didn't I tell you to clean the windows?"

"Yes, sor."

"And didn't I tell you to use the new chamois?"

"Yes, sor."

"Well, did you use it?"

"Sure, I did sor."

"Let me see the chamois," said the doctor, and Bridget promptly brought it. Then for the first time he learned that his wife had left the house a half hour before him and had sent home some tripe.

Black and White.

Every crow is said to think its own nestling the whitest, but a white cat that had four kittens, of which three were white and the fourth was black, gave the first place in her affections to Sooty. Once they were all brought into the drawing room to be "shown off." Besides the human room contained a great Newfoundland dog, Hitherto cat and dog had been on friendly terms, but now pussy showed great anxiety lest the dog might harm her black pet especially. At last she seized it by the neck and bore it beneath the lowest piece of furniture, where the dog could not possibly crawl, but she merely moved to the others to follow her as best they could. The black kitten owed all this care to its color, more happy in this respect than the black sheep which is said to be in every flock.—Exchange.

Holland.

Holland, known as North and South Holland, forms part of the northern part of the Netherlands. These provinces are composed of land rescued from the sea and defended by immense dikes. Holland was inhabited by the Batvi in the time of Caesar, who made a league with them. It became part of Gallia Belgica and afterward of the kingdom of Austria. From the tenth to the fifteenth century it was governed by counts under the German emperors. Holland was at one time a Dutch republic. It was created a kingdom in 1806, and Louis Bonaparte, father of Napoleon III., was declared king.

Diplomacy.

"I always endeavor," said the matrimonial philosopher, "to take the wrong side of an inconsequential argument."

"What with object in view?" he was naturally asked.

"It gives my wife a chance to prove me wrong, and this she delights in that I had her generously tractable in all the more important matters."—Chicago Post.

His Room.

"Mr. Diggles," said the boy with big ruffles on his shoulders, "I wish you would let me come and see where you live. I want to look at your room."

"Why, certainly. But what made you think of that?"

"My sister said it was better than your company, so I thought it must be something fine."

The National Game.

"I hold a full hand," murmured the swain as he squeezed the lily white fingers of the fair maid.

Here a royal flush mounted to her brow.

A royal flush beats a full hand every time. (See Hoyle.) She won.—Baltimore American.

It is not a waste to buy somebody a bunch of flowers, a box of candy or a new book when it is going to bring a smile to her face and happiness to her heart.—Exchange.

The Samana Language.

Speaking of the flexibility of the Samana language, Mrs. Isabel Strong says that the little word "ta" means: I, we, too, to beat with a stick, to play on a musical instrument, to reproach, to tattoo, to open a vein, to wash clothing by beating and to turn a somersault.

DINED IN THE KITCHEN.

One Satisfactory Meal Grant Had After His Tour of the World.

"When General Grant stopped at the Palmer House in Chicago on his return from his tour of the world," said a man who was there at the time, "the steward was all but stupefied one noon at seeing the ex-president dine in at the kitchen door as though escaping from some one."

"I am sorry to trouble you," he said, as though asking a great favor, "but may I have a little corned beef and cabbage?"

"Why, certainly," the steward replied; "but don't I send it out to you in the dining room?"

"No," he answered; "I'll eat it right here if you'll let me sit down."

"So a place on the rough board table, where the cook had been fixing the meat, was cleared, and Grant drew up a stool and set to, and the way he got away with that corned beef and cabbage was a caution. When he had finished, he laid down his knife and fork with a funny sigh of satisfaction, put one hand on the steward's shoulder and said:

"Young man, I don't suppose you care for that at all, but if you had had to eat what I have for the past few months it would taste like a dinner for the gods. It tastes homey!"

"The ex-president had dined with everybody from the queen down, but that cabbage and corned beef doubtless reminded him of the time when he was not so well known, but probably far happier—when people in St. Louis called him 'cabbage' when they spoke to him and bought the wood he carried into town to sell."

Character at a Glance.

An insignificant nose means an insignificant man. An open mouth is a sure sign of an empty head (keep yours closed). A projecting upper lip shows malignity and avarice. Pointed noses generally belong to meddlesome people. Large eyes in a small face betoken malice.

A retreating chin is always bad; it shows lack of resolution. A projecting under lip indicates ostentation, self conceit and folly. Fine hair generally betokens native good taste and intelligence.

A dimple in the chin is pretty, but indicates weak mental organization. High cheek bones always indicate great force of character in some direction. Fullness of the temples is supposed to show powers of mathematical calculation.

A small mouth, with nose and nostrils also small, shows indecision and cowardice. Half shut eyes show natural shrewdness, together with lack of sincerity. Slow moving eyes are always found in the heads of persons of prudence and ability.—London Answers Magazine.

Wheat in Fable and History.